pital in Meenam, he was put in charge of the Out-patients' department with one of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons. The remaining Assistant Surgeon and two Sub-Assistant Surgeons were working in the In-patients' department.

Certain appointments in the Medical Department.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

290. (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether a Cochinite, Mr. C. K. Krishna Menon, L. M. S. of Madras University had applied for a post in the Medical Department in Tulam 1099?

(2) Were not the said Mr. Krishna Menon and Mr. Jacob, L. M. P., volunteering in the General Hospital, Ernakulam? If so, from what date to what date?

(3) Were any appointments made in the department subsequent to the applications of the above gentlemen? If so, how many were appointed? What were their qualifications, and when were they appointed?

(4) Were the claims of the above gentlemen considered then? If not, why not?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes. Mr. C. K. Krishna Menon from 30th April 1924 (18th Medam 1099) to 16th June 1925 (3rd Mithunam 1100), Mr. Jacob from 3rd May 1924 (21st Medam 1099) to 16th June 1925 (3rd Mithunam 1100).

(3) Three were appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons. All three are L. M. P. s. One was taken on as an acting Sub-Assistant Surgeon from 4th Makaram 1099 and the others from 14th Edavam 1099.

(4) Mr. C. K. Krishna Menon is an L. M. & S., Madras University, and his claims were not considered, as there was no vacancy in the Assistant Surgeon's grade. In the end of 1100 he consented to accept a Sub-Assistant Surgeon's place, but there was no vacancy then. Mr. Jacob's claims were not lost sight of when making the appointments.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Answer to sub-division (iv). May I know whether the said Mr. Krishna Menon has put in an application that he was willing to work as a Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Leper Asylum?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It is a fact that he had put in an application for the post of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Leper Asylum. But the

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question of appointing a Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Leper Asylum was postponed by the Government. I may also add for information that, subsequently, he again pressed, but I did not consider him a very superior man. That was the reason why he was not sent for when acting vacancies arose.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

You don't consider a University qualification superior to an ordinary diploma or certificate. He put in an application for the post of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon to the Leper Asylum in 1094. He was volunteering, and finding that there was no vacancy, he put in an application that some post may be given to him. He, an L. M. S., was not given anything, and an L. M. P. was appointed after that.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Nobody was appointed. The Government postponed the appointment.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

When this man of a junior qualification was appointed, why should not that place be given to this Krishna Menon, and the Government now answers that his qualifications are not up to the mark. I can't exactly repeat his words. Anyway, an L. M. S. is superior to an L. M. P.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I do not say that his qualification was not up to the mark. I say that his personal qualifications are not up to the mark.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Suppose a higher qualified man applies for a lower pay, it must be the policy of the department to appoint the higher qualified man for the lesser pay. It was the principle the late Medical Officer, Dr. Coombes, was following.

PRESIDENT.

You see, for the post of District Registrars, B. A.'s and B. A. B. L's apply. Of course, B. A. B. L's are more qualified men. But B. A.'s are equally competent.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

If more highly qualified men come for lesser pay, is it not a benefit to the Government? This Krishna Menon put in an application to the Medical Department, stating that he is willing to accept the post of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and that too in the Leper Asylum, and subsequently, some appointments were made, but he was not given any post.

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PRESIDENT.

At the time when these appointments were made, where was this Krishna Menon?

Dr. A. G. MENON.

I think the department registers the names of candidates who put in applications for appointments. This Mr. C. K. Krishna Menon is well known to Dr. Rao. Till my question reached the Government, he had no disqualification, but when my question reached the Government, here comes his disqualification. I do not want to ask further questions.

Salary, allowances, etc., in the Medical Department and supply of medicines therein.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

291. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The amount spent on salaries and allowances in the Medical Department for the last three years;

(b) The amount spent for the supply of medicines by the department for the said period;

(c) The amount spent for the Ayurvedic system of treatment in the State for the same period?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) & (b). The information required is contained in the sub-joined statement.

		Rs.	A.	P.
21. *Medical*	*1098*			
Salaries	..	22,268	3	1
Allowances	..	6,114	2	8
Medicine and Instruments		74,162	14	11
	1099			
Salaries	..	24,385	5	10
Allowances	..	5,292	5	7
Medicine and Instruments		75,519	0	7
	1100			
Salaries	..	26,815	14	7
Allowances	..	6,218	14	0
Medicine and Instruments		75,216	10	2
(c) Grant paid to the Panchayat Vaidyasalas in 1098		4,606	9	4
Do do in 1099		6,302	6	1
Do do in 1100 inclusive of the grant paid to the Chittur-Tattamangalam Ayurvedic Dispensary and the special grant paid to the K. A. Samajam towards flood relief.		8,342	2	1

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